

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) A method of providing a forwardly folding toolbar for a farm implement, said toolbar being operably connected to a tongue, the method comprising:

- (a) operably attaching a center section to the tongue of the toolbar at a substantially right angle;
- (b) operably pivotally attaching an inner end of an inner wing section to each end of the center section;
- (c) operably pivotally attaching an inner end of an outer wing section to an outer end of each inner wing section; and
- (d) rotating both wing sections at pivot points located on the center section to bring outer ends of the wing sections forward until the wing sections lie substantially parallel to the tongue.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1 additionally comprising supporting the center section with ground engaging wheels.

3. (Original) The method of claim 1 additionally comprising supporting pivot points between each of the wing sections with ground engaging wheels.

4. (Original) The method of claim 1 additionally comprising supporting ends of the outer sections with ground engaging wheels at each extreme end of the outer wing sections.

5. (Original) The method of claim 3 wherein actuators are provided for raising the pivot points relative to the ground engaging wheels, upon folding, the method additionally comprising raising the pivot points between each of the wing sections relative to the ground engaging wheels with the actuators therebetween before the step of rotating both wing sections.

6. (Original) The method of claim 4 wherein actuators are provided for raising the pivot points relative to the ground engaging wheels, upon folding, the method additionally comprising raising the extreme end of each of the wing sections relative to the ground engaging wheels with the actuators therebetween before the step of rotating both wing sections.

7. (Original) The method of claim 5 additionally comprising the step of lowering the pivot points between each of the wing sections relative to the ground engaging wheels with the actuators therebetween when the wing sections lie substantially parallel to the tongue.

8. (Original) The method of claim 6 additionally comprising the step of lowering the extreme end of each of the wing sections relative to the ground engaging wheels with the actuators therebetween when the wing sections lie substantially parallel to the tongue.

9. (Original) The method of claim 7 additionally comprising engaging a latch to the tongue of the toolbar upon lowering the pivot points between each of the wing sections.

10. (Original) The method of claim 8 additionally comprising engaging a latch to the tongue of the toolbar upon lowering the extreme end of the wing section.

11. (Currently amended) An implement toolbar that is forwardly folding comprising:

- (a) a tongue having a forward end and a rearward end;
- (b) a center section operably attached to the tongue at a substantially right angle;
- (c) ~~an~~ inner wing sections, operably pivotally attached at inner ends of the inner wing sections to each end of the center section;
- (d) ~~an~~ outer wing sections, operably pivotally attached at inner ends of the outer wing sections to an outer end of each inner wing section; and

- (e) folding means for rotating both wing sections at pivot points located on the center section to bring outer ends of the wing sections toward the forward end of the tongue until the wing sections lie substantially parallel to the tongue.

12. (Original) The implement toolbar of claim 11 additionally comprising ground engaging wheels for supporting the center section.

13. (Original) The implement toolbar of claim 11 additionally comprising ground engaging wheels for supporting pivot points between each of the wing sections.

14. (Original) The implement toolbar of claim 11 additionally comprising ground engaging wheels for supporting ends of the outer sections, said ground engaging wheels being located substantially at each extreme end of the outer wing sections.

15. (Original) The implement toolbar of claim 13 additionally comprising actuators for raising the pivot points relative to the ground engaging wheels during folding.

16. (Original) The implement toolbar of claim 14 additionally comprising actuators for raising the pivot points relative to the ground engaging wheels during folding.

17. (Original) The implement toolbar of claim 15 additionally comprising latch for operably affixing a pivot point between the inner wing section and the outer wing section to the tongue of the toolbar by lowering the pivot point between each of the wing sections after the wing sections lie substantially parallel to the tongue.

18. (Original) The implement toolbar of claim 16 additionally comprising latch for operably affixing an extreme end of the outer wing section to the tongue of the toolbar by lowering the extreme end of the outer wing section after the wing sections lie substantially parallel to the tongue.

19. (Currently amended) An implement toolbar that is horizontally folding comprising:

- (a) a tongue;
- (b) more than three sections comprising a center section having two ends and at least three wing sections, each operably pivotally attached end to at least one end of another section, all the sections lying substantially linearly from each end of the center section to an outer end of the wing sections; and
- (c) folding means for rotating ~~both~~ the at least three wing sections at pivot points located on the center section to bring outer ends of the at least three wing sections forward until the at least three wing sections lie substantially parallel to the tongue and substantially linearly from each pivot point located on the center section to a forward end of the wing sections.

20. (Original) The implement toolbar of claim 19 wherein the toolbar is forwardly folding.

21. (Previously presented) The implement of claim 19 including a forward end of the tongue, adapted to be attached to a rear end of a prime mover.

22. (Previously presented) The implement of claim 19 including a hitch disposed on a forward end of the tongue, said hitch being adapted to be attached to a rear end of a prime mover.

23. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1 including attaching a forward end of the tongue to a tractor for towing the implement forwardly.